

'North Ayrshire – A Better Life'

An overview of community planning and the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA)

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What is 'community planning'?

Working together

to plan and deliver

better services



Community planning in Scotland is about ...

- Making sure people and communities are genuinely engaged in the decisions made on public services which affect them; and
- A commitment from organisations to work together, not apart, in providing better public services.



Local Government in Scotland Act 2003

- This Act means all local authority areas have to have a 'Community Planning Partnership'
- Councils have a statutory obligation to lead the Partnership:
 - North Ayrshire Council
- Other public agencies have a statutory obligation to participate in the Partnership:
 - NHS Ayrshire and Arran
 - Strathclyde Police
 - Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
 - Scottish Enterprise (and now Skills Development Scotland)
 - Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)



Who else is involved?

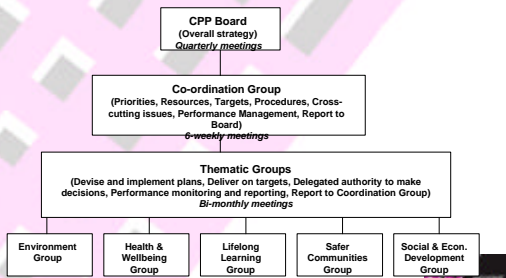
- Within this national framework, it's up to local areas to determine their own arrangements
- In North Ayrshire around 30 other organisations are formally involved in the CPP structure, e.g.:
 - Community and voluntary sector, e.g. CVS, NAFA, Volunteer Centre, Neighbourhood Compacts
 - Colleges – James Watt and Kilmarnock Colleges
 - Housing associations
 - Other public bodies, e.g. North Ayrshire Leisure, Careers Scotland
 - Government agencies, e.g. Jobcentre Plus, Procurator Fiscal, Scottish Natural Heritage, Children's Reporter



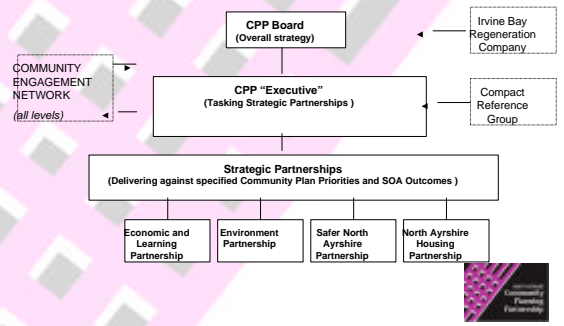
Our Vision and Priorities



Current CPP Structure (under review)



Overview of proposed CPP Structure (excluding Community Health Partnership – detail still subject to further consultation)



Community Plan → Single Outcome Agreement (SOA)

- First SOA between NAC and Scottish Government (2008/9)
- Next SOA will be between CPP and Scottish Government (from 2009/10)
- Gives us the chance to update the Community Plan:
 - Outcomes
 - Indicators
 - Action Plan
- The CPP Single Outcome Agreement will replace the Community Plan and Council Plan

Why are we developing a Single Outcome Agreement (SOA)?

The Concordat (November 2007)

A new agreement between the Scottish Government and Local Government:

- ❖ Mutual respect and partnership
- ❖ Single Outcome Agreements
- ❖ New relationship between Scottish Government and Local Government
- ❖ Reductions in ring-fencing
- ❖ Less monitoring and reporting
- ❖ Specific commitments

North Ayrshire Council Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) (2008/9)

- Built on Council and Community Plans
- Overall Aim
 - Sustainable regeneration & continuous improvement in public services
- Outcomes and Indicators
 - 34 North Ayrshire Outcomes
 - 96 Key Performance Indicators / Targets
 - Allocated to 15 National Outcomes
- Includes Requests of Scottish Government
- Starting point for CPP Single Outcome Agreement (from April 2009)

What it means - (Example)

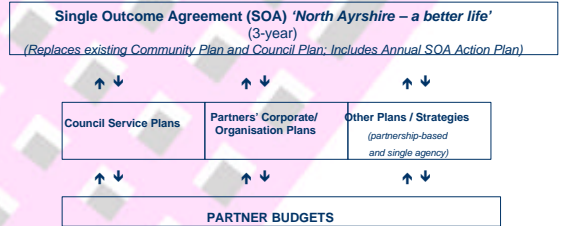
- Outcome - More people are in work and training
- Indicator - % of working age population in employment
 - Actual: 71.4% (07/08)
 - Targets: increase year on year / close the gap between NAC and Scottish figures ("direction of travel")
- Actions
 - Implement Fairer North Ayrshire programmes
 - Support Irvine Bay Regeneration Company to implement its programmes
- Requests of Scottish Government
 - Urgent action to improve A737 trunk road
 - Ongoing commitment / financial support for Irvine Bay Regeneration Company

North Ayrshire CPP Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) (2009-12)

- **Community Plan Vision and Priorities will act as framework for the CPP SOA**
- **Outcomes and Indicators:**
 - ❖ Starting point is the current Council SOA.
 - ❖ Current draft includes 35 North Ayrshire Outcomes.
 - ❖ These describe what the CPP want to achieve for North Ayrshire as a partnership.
 - ❖ Within new governance arrangements, each Strategic Partnership will have lead responsibility to implement a specific set of North Ayrshire Outcomes.
- **Will be put into practice via an SOA Action Plan.**



Relationship with other plans



North Ayrshire Outcomes allocated to North Ayrshire Environment Partnership

- Transport links and services to and from North Ayrshire have improved (*shared with Economic and Learning Partnership*)
- The condition of roads, footways and lighting has improved
- Our environment is protected and enhanced
- Recycling of waste has increased and the amount of waste going to landfill has decreased
- The Public sector's carbon footprint has reduced



SOA Consultation Plan

Consultation over October 2008 – January 2009

- CPP Groups/ Compact Reference Group
- NAC Elected Members
- Partner organisations – CPP Briefing/ Partners' internal communications arrangements
- General Public – NOW newspaper/ Press release/ Website
- Young Scot
- Equalities Groups
- People's Panel – 2nd survey/focus groups



Also on the CPP's current agenda ...

- **Fairer North Ayrshire:**
 - Over £16 million allocated to North Ayrshire from Fairer Scotland Fund over 3 years, to tackle poverty and deprivation
 - Has enabled CPP to take forward best lessons of previous work on regeneration, esp. getting people into work
 - More flexible targeting, but still need to show 'accelerated impact' on Regeneration Areas (Irvine Bay and parts of Kilbirnie)
- **Compact Agreement**
 - New written Agreement between community planning partners and the community/ voluntary sector on working together
 - Was launched in June 2008
 - Compact Reference Group been established to monitor progress.



Where to find out more

- **The Scottish community planning website:**
www.communityplanning.org.uk
- **The North Ayrshire community planning website:**
www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/community_planning
- **Or contact the Team:**
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